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SUBJECT: KOSOVO OVERSEAS SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (OSAC)
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11. (SBU) On July 31, Embassy Pristina held a meeting to establish a Kosovo Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC). Organized by the Embassy RSO and EconOff, a select group of U.S. businesses and non-profit representatives attended the meeting to gauge the level of interest in establishing such a council in Kosovo. RSO provided attendees with an overview of the OSAC program, explained how a country council would benefit U.S. interests in Kosovo, and asked if any volunteers would be willing to form a council Steering Committee or take on the role of OSAC Chairperson.

12. (SBU) Participants in this inaugural meeting generally expressed enthusiasm for forming a Kosovo OSAC and for joining the Steering Committee. A volunteer for the Chairperson position has yet to come forward. RSO and EconOff are planning a second OSAC meeting in September to expand membership. The Kosovo OSAC has an important role to play in a country where inaccurate information about the current security environment can spread rapidly. Facilitating communication between the U.S. business and non-profit community throughout Kosovo will ensure correct information about the country's security environment is as widely available as possible, as well as keep rumor mills in check.
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